GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY METERS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Finance Corporation (PFC), Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and similar Central Government agencies are extending financial assistance to State Electricity Boards for procurement of energy meters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) and Karnataka Power and Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) are procuring defective energy meters from private manufacturers;

(c) if so, the details of complaints received against procurement of defective energy meters by GEB and KPTCL during the last one year;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban/black-list the private manufacturers supplying defective meters to these Boards;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken against the persons procuring defective energy meters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) : Meters are procured by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/State Power Utilities themselves in accordance with their prescribed procedures. These include inter alia quality specifications, performance guarantees, testing and inspection procedures as per standards laid down. SEBs have a system of quality control, verification and procedures for identifying defective meters. They have suitable mechanisms to take corrective action, in case of any instance of meters found defective subsequently.